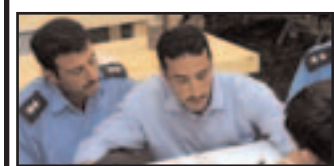


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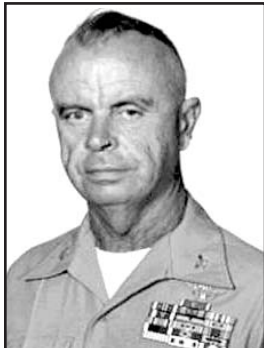
Hummer addresses base before final farewell



Lance Cpl. Chadwick deBree

Brig. Gen. Steven A. Hummer, commanding general, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, speaks to a crowd as Marines from Headquarters Battalion and Marine Corps Air Facility stand in formation behind him Friday, during a Morning Colors ceremony. It was Hummer's last Morning Colors ceremony as the base's commanding general. A change of command ceremony will be held Aug. 3 at Dewey Square. See A2 for the commanding general's farewell letter.

One of the few, one of the proud, laid to rest



Cpl. R. Drew Hendricks

Combat Correspondent

HONOLULU – Former Commanding Officer of Headquarters and Service Battalion, Fleet Marine Forces, Pacific and base commander of Camp H.M. Smith, 1972-74, retired Col. Kenneth Foley, 83, from Staten Island, N.Y., was laid to rest at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific [Punchbowl], here Friday.

"Dad was a simple, proud man who gave his dedication to his country, his loyalty to the Marine Corps, his love to his

wife and family and his soul to God," said Linda Robb, Foley's daughter, at his funeral.

Foley left college to join the Marine Corps in January 1942. After completing boot camp at Parris Island, S.C., and Airborne Radio Operator's School in Jacksonville, Fla., he was sent to the Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N.C.

Not wanting to spend the war in "some isolated radio shack," he volunteered to be a gunner in a Douglas SBD-1 Dauntless Dive Bomber. His first tour was spent protecting the atolls of the Marshall Islands from the Japanese, according to Robb.

After his second tour in Peleliu, he returned home, completed college and got married to Bertha Randolph, whom he was married to for 57 years before she died in 2005.

In 1950 he was recalled for duty by the

Marine Corps as a second lieutenant and spent the next year as an intelligence officer at Po'hang, Korea, where he developed a system for detecting and defeating anti-aircraft fire, which earned him a Bronze Star.

Foley went on to serve in many billets at many different bases, including Camp Pendleton, Calif., and the Department of Defense Intelligence School in Washington, D.C., where he remained as an instructor after graduating the school.

After 28 years of combined service, Foley retired in 1975 to become the administrator of the Waimano Home with the Hawaii State Department of Health.

He is survived by his five children Linda Robb, Kenneth Jr., Robert, Diane Medeiros and Nancy Ishimoto; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Iwo Jima reverts back to original name

Lance Cpl. Chadwick deBree

Combat Correspondent

In February 1945, Marines landed on the beaches of a small island named Iwo Jima to expel the defending Japanese forces from their fortification.

Iwo Jima was the sight where the famous photograph was taken by Joe Rosenthal of five Marines and one Navy corpsman raising the second flag on the summit of Mount Suribachi.

Marines will be surprised to find out that the island where the famous battle was fought is no longer called Iwo Jima.

In June, the Japanese Geographical Survey Institute announced that the name of the island is to revert to its original name of Iwo To (pronounced toe).

When the Japanese military evacuated the natives in 1944, officers mislabeled the name as Iwo Jima. Though both names mean, "sulfur island," the natives of the island didn't latch onto the name.

Upon the release of last year's Clint Eastwood movies, "Letters from Iwo Jima" and "Flags of Our Fathers," natives of the island complained to the Japanese government about changing the name back to Iwo To.

"Does changing the name back to what it originally was called mean that all the history will disappear... no it doesn't," said James Bradley,

author of "Flags of Our Fathers" and "Flyboys," on a recent visit to Marine Corps Base Hawaii. "This is like when they changed the name of Cape Kennedy back to Cape Canaveral. Does it mean that no flights took off from Cape Kennedy? No it doesn't. Even though the name is changing doesn't mean that the history of the place is."

Though changing the name of the island won't reflect on the history of battle that took place, it will create confusion amongst the Marines.

"I imagine it would create a lot of confusion amongst us," said Pfc. Jonathan Adams, videographer, Combat Camera. "That island is a symbol of the Marine Corps history. It's something that we as Marines look back upon. To change the name of the island is like changing our history."

Though some Marines feel that changing the name of a place where many men gave their lives is blasphemous, Bradley said they would need to accept the fact that nothing will really change besides the way it is pronounced.

"I can see where Marines and Sailors will have a problem with this," Bradley said. "But the only thing that will really change is the way it is pronounced. You also have to think, this is the way the natives of the island have been calling it before the Japanese took it over, and now the Japanese are just changing the name back to what they called it before the war."



"Gypsy" travels by air Aviatrix propelled by love of flight

Christine Cabalo

Photo Journalist

It was only a matter of time before "Gypsy" made Oahu her next stop.

In between training pilots in Kenya or having her plane appear in Microsoft

Flight Simulator video games, Patty Wagstaff's love of flight is clear. Coming to Kaneohe Bay for this year's Blues on the Bay Airshow, Wagstaff's nickname comes from her joy of always traveling.

It's a nickname that Danny Clisham chose to capture Wagstaff's spirit of adventure. As an airshow announcer for more than 40 years, he said it's easy to spot the mood of airshow pilots whenever they perform in the sky.

"You can see where the drive comes from," said Clisham, announcer, Can-Am Airshow Productions. "She's meant to be a pilot. Some people fly because they like to do it. Some people, like Patty, do it because they have to do it. They're driven to fly."

Aviation is a fam-

ily affair for Wagstaff, as both her father and sister became commercial airplane pilots. Flying solo for the first time was a milestone moment for her, she said.

"[It was] very exciting," she said. "I was amazed that someone let me do it! It gave me a feeling of self-confidence that I'd never had before."

As a practitioner of "hard core aerobatics," the aviatrix incorporates the athletic stunts she's performed in competition. Her friendly professionalism and graceful maneuvering in the air make her popular with the crowd, said Bob Farrow, air boss, Blues on the Bay.

"She is a long-time performer," he said. "She's been flying, essentially, all her life. It's just a real pleasure working with her because she's so easy to deal with."

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Photo courtesy of Patty Wagstaff Airshows, inc.

Patty Wagstaff stands in front of her Cirrus Extra 300S plane used to fly aerobatic stunts during airshows. The female pilot was nicknamed "Gypsy" for her love of traveling by Danny Clisham, announcer, Can-Am Airshows. Clisham, who has been an airshow announcer for 40 years, said he always sees Wagstaff's joy whenever she flies.



Photo courtesy of Patty Wagstaff Airshows, inc.

Patty Wagstaff stands next to pilots she trained for the Kenya Wildlife Service. The pilots instructed the aviatrix to patrol the country against the illegal poaching of elephants and rhinos. Wagstaff said she enjoys helping the service and is excited to fly over an area with so many types of animals.

— NEWS BRIEFS —

Utilities and Energy Conservation Policy

Marine Corps Base Hawaii Base Order 11300.13, Utilities and Energy Conservation policy, restricts irrigation watering hours to the hours of 6 to 8 a.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., Monday and Thursday for Kaneohe Bay and Camp Smith, and Monday, Wednesday and Fridays for Puuloa and Manana. Additionally, automatic sprinkler systems are to be equipped with a rain gauge and limited to operation during non-daylight hours.

Recruiter Screening Team Visit

The Headquarters Marine Corps Recruiter Screening Team is scheduled to visit the base to screen Marines July 30 and 31.

All corporals, sergeants, staff sergeants and gunnery sergeants need to contact their unit Career Retention Specialist and find out if they are on the list to be screened by the HRST.

The HRST will provide a brief July 30 at 8 a.m. The briefing is mandatory for all Marines that are on the list to be screened. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend.

Interactive Customer Evaluation

The Interactive Customer Evaluation is providing customers with a convenient and efficient method to express opinions to service providers and receive feedback. The services will also be available to obtain varied information on varied services throughout Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

We want to know how MCBH services are doing at: <http://ice.disa.mil>. Click on the Marine Corps and Pacific, which lead you to the MCBH community and Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay

For questions, contact the MCBH ICE Site Manager at 257-1283.

CLICK IT or TICKET

Hawaii Marine urges its readers to buckle up. It's an easy habit to learn that some day may save your life and the life of your passenger(s). Remember, each and every time you get into your vehicle, reach for your seatbelt. Make it one of those good habits that you won't want to break.

Weekly Legal Brief

Weekly brief to aid Marines, Sailors and civilian personnel on Wills and Powers of Attorney will be held at the Legal Services Center, Legal Assistance Office, Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Included are some important tips on Wills and Powers of Attorney.

Hawaii Marine Accepts Letters

Hawaii Marine invites its readers to e-mail its editor at editor@hawaiimarine.com with their comments and letters.

All submissions will be edited for clarity and length. Comments must be signed with a full name, and a telephone number must be provided.

Hawaii Marine also accepts news briefs containing relevant information pertaining to Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

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Brig. Gen. Steven A. Hummer bids farewell to MCBH



As we conclude our tour at U.S. Marine Forces, Pacific and Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Sheri and I wish to extend our sincere appreciation for the superb dedication and countless contributions of our wonderful Marines, Sailors, civilian Marines, and their families, and our civilian friends, for the military readiness and quality of life of the Navy / Marine Corps team in Hawaii.

Lieutenant Gen. Goodman, commanding general, Marine Forces, Pacific, provided incredible leadership and strategic thinking for the Pacific Command theater. The command led more than 70,000 Marines and Sailors and 14 Marine Corps installations in the Pacific Command area equaling 52% of the Earth's surface. Colonel Dungan, deputy commander, MCBH, formed a great team with Sgt. Maj. Fierle, MCBH sergeant major,

and the MCBH staff to focus our main effort on the training infrastructure for the operational units. K-Bay is the "base of choice" for all who live and work here. The dedicated efforts of the Command Deck staff kept all of us on target. Marine Corps Community Services continued its great support of base events and made great strides in family support functions, particularly for our deployed units. Our Military Police and Safety Office personnel made significant improvements in the protection of our base residents. The Forest City team has provided inspired support to our Public Private Venture housing development. A heartfelt "mahalo" to Gayle Goodman who provided caring support for our families and particularly our wounded warriors, and to Bonnie Dungan and Patti Fierle for their selfless work with our family readiness programs.

The commanders, sergeants major, and command master chiefs are dedicated to the training and development of our base and tenant units. Our thoughts and prayers are with our Marines, Sailors, and civilian Marines and their families in harm's way in support of the Global War on Terrorism — 1/3, 1/12, HMH-362, and detachments from HSL-37.

We wish to extend a very special "thank you" to our Marine Corps Family Team Building support team. Our incredible volunteer organizations include the KVN and LINKS programs, American Red Cross, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, Armed Services YMCA, the Kaneohe Officers' Spouses' Club, and the All-Enlisted Spouses' Club.

The superb joint military team, providing assistance to MCBH and MFP, is led by Adm. Timothy Keating and Lt. Gen. Daniel Leaf, PACOM; Lt. Gen. John Brown, United States Army, Pacific; Adm. Robert Willard, Pacific Fleet; Gen. Paul Hester, Pacific Air Forces;

Rear Adm. Sally Brice-O'Hara, U.S. Coast Guard and Maj. Gen. Robert Lee, Hawaii National Guard.

We learn and benefit from those veterans who have served our nation before us. We value the friendship and assistance from these heroes: Lt. Gen. Stackpole, Sgt. Maj. Kellogg, HI Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America; HI Chapter of the Navy League; the Chosin Few; and the MCBH Birthday Pageant supporters.

Hawaii is truly a unique environment in which we're honored to work closely with the political leaders who directly support our base and our families. "Mahalo" to Governor Lingle, Lieutenant Governor Aiona, Senator Akaka, Senator Inouye, Congressman Abercrombie, Congresswoman Hirono, State Senator Hemmings, State Representative Thielen, and Mayor Hannemann.

Mahalo to those who protect and serve with Aloha - the police and fire departments, the Federal Bureau of Investigations, and Naval Criminal Investigative Service. Thank you to those in the Hawaii school system who educate our treasured children. Our units and families benefit from the unbelievable support provided from business leaders and friends in the civilian community.

Sheri and I will miss those in the diplomatic community who are special friends of Marines - Consulate General and Mrs. Quinn and Wing Commander Kennedy from Australia; Consulate General and Mrs. Iwatani from Japan; and Consulate General and Mrs. Kang from Korea.

Mahalo nui loa from the depths of our hearts for your significant contributions to the Marine Corps' mission in Hawaii. Sheri and I are honored to have served with you on this great team. As we transfer to Special Operations Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Fla., we will miss you and this unique island paradise.

*Semper Fidelis and Aloha,
Brig. Gen. Steven and Sheri Hummer*

Yakkity Yak, don't talk back

Lance Cpl. Chadwick deBree
Combat Correspondent



I was having a conversation with a co-worker the other night and we had the whole "what did you do before the Corps" talk, and after we got to talking, I realized how bad of a worker I was before I enlisted. Before I enlisted I was working at a Chinese restaurant located in the great Orange County, Calif. I would show up to work, do my job and argue with my boss constantly about how many hours I actually worked.

Now, it wasn't until I enlisted that I realized that was a big no-no. The Marine Corps doesn't leave that much room for people to complain about their job in front

of their superiors.

What I've learned through joining was, I can now do my job without any complaints. I'm not going to complain about it because I realize it was something that I wanted to do, something that I would actually sign a contract for saying that I will show up everyday and do what I'm told for the next four years.

For some reason, my prior civilian bosses would put up with my complaining and arguing. Now if I were to do that as a Marine, my gunny would have my behind and I would be standing tall before the man.

I think it's good to run a business like that. If the civilian world were to do their job as we do then productivity would be through the roof, but sadly we live in a society where people question everything that comes their way.

By doing what I'm supposed to be doing without complaining or arguing, I am much better as an employee. When the time comes when I get out of the Marine Corps, the people that will potentially hire me will know that I do what I'm told without asking questions. Do now and ask later,

that's the motto I live by now.

When I'm out in town I see these people that work these jobs at bookstores and other various places and they complain about their job. That's when I get to thinking, "Then why are you doing this job?" They knew what they were getting into when they applied for the job. The application didn't say boss, it said janitor so deal with it. You have to work your way up to the top.

That's the great thing about being in the military — the discipline. It's only going to make people better at their jobs because what I've learned is that when you're in a sticky situation, if you have the discipline, you'll always find a way to get it done and over with. If you don't have discipline, you're just going to give up.

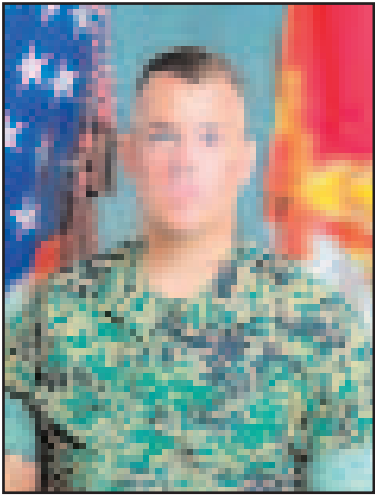
After writing this, I look forward to going back in the civilian world and kicking butt. I'm looking forward to being better at my job than everyone else, because doing what you're told out there means one thing — promotion. The only thing that can stop me is if I become a bum or reenlist, and that reenlistment time is coming up soon.

Change of command



CHRISTOPHER

A Change of Command ceremony was held Friday for 3rd Radio Battalion. Lieutenant Col. John P. Christopher relieved Lt. Col. Michael S. Groen as commanding officer, 3rd Radio Battalion at 10 a.m. at Dewey Square. Christopher comes here from U.S. Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., where he served as chief, Future Concepts Branch. Groen is going to the College of Naval Warfare, Newport, R.I.



GROEN

Weekend weather outlook

Today



Day — Scattered showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 84. East wind around 11 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

Night — Scattered rain. The rain could be heavy at times. Partly cloudy, with a low around 76. East wind around 11 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

High — 84

Low — 76

Saturday



Day — Scattered showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 84. East wind around 11 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Night — Scattered rain. The rain could be heavy at times. Partly cloudy, with a low around 76. East wind between 9 and 11 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

High — 84

Low — 76

Sunday



Day — Scattered showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 84. East wind around 9 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Night — Scattered showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 76. East wind around 8 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

High — 84

Low — 76

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Iraqi Policemen gather for leadership training

Cpl. Adam Johnston
2nd Marine Division

CAMP RIPPER, AL ASAD, Iraq — As the saying goes: Rome wasn't built in a day. Likewise, with regard to Iraq, it'd be foolish for people to think otherwise. Re-building a country from the ground up takes time.

Among the long list of things to do, establishing an independent police force is right up there.

That's where Police Transition Teams come in. It's their job to work hand-in-hand with district police chiefs helping to do just that.

In yet another step toward Iraqi sovereignty, the 170th Military Police Company, Regimental Combat Team 2, recently hosted the Iraqi Police Supervision and Leadership Course here.

"This four-day course was designed for first line supervisors," said Army Staff Sgt. John M. Drummond, a member of the police implementation office, 170th MP Company, RCT-2. "Students were taught basic principles of democratic policing, including how

important the first line supervisor is to a successful transition."

Representatives from Baghdadi, Hit and Haditha were hand-selected by their respective district police chiefs to participate in the training.

"These are guys who've stepped up as potential leaders; a cut above your average (Iraqi) policeman," said Drummond, from Memphis, Tenn. "Our goal is for them to take what they've learned here and pass it on to their fellow IPs."

Warrant Officer Zeyad Abdalkahar Mohammed, an IP in the Hit district, was one of the lucky 30 who was chosen to receive the training.

"The instruction I received from the (police) academy in Jordan was a positive experience for me," Mohammed said. "I'm going to memorize everything I've learned here, take it back to my commander and suggest we do the same thing."

Mohammed, like many high-ranking officials, was also a policeman during the former regime.

"I've been part of Iraq's police force for the past 15

years," Mohammed said. "I saw a lot of wrong doing back then, but I couldn't do anything about it. Hopefully, in this democratic government, serving the people will come first."

Topics covered in the course included: management concepts and techniques, police corruption, human rights, ethics and the United Nations Code of conduct.

"As supervisors, their role is to ease the transition," Drummond said. "It's their responsibility to take charge; allowing coalition forces to step back and simply observe."

With the majority of classes complete, the IPs took to the soccer field for a little recreational activity.

"Classes can be really boring, so we wanted to do something to break up the monotony," Drummond said. "Being the national sport and all, soccer was the obvious choice."

The IPs faced off against a group of Turkish nationals who work on base. Though losing the game by a score of 3-1, it definitely wasn't due to a lack of effort.

"Out of respect for the uniform, most of the IPs played

without shoes," Drummond said. "They scrimmaged until their feet were bloodied. That's a sign of courage in my book."

After the game, Mohammed commented on his team's defeat.

"It wasn't us," Mohammed said. "With the proper gear, the result would've been much different."

Colonel Stacy Clardy, RCT-2 commanding officer, was on hand for the following day's graduation ceremony.

He presented each of the students with a certificate of completion, class photo and commendation pin.

"A leader is the same in any organization – Marine or IP," Clardy said. "Like my Marines, I expect you to take this knowledge and use it to improve your performance."

According to Drummond, this was only the beginning. He hopes to continue hosting this course for IP staff non-commissioned officers and junior officers.

"We feel we've got the same mission as you: to help the Iraqi people," Clardy said. "You are a key element of the transition effort. Your success is ours."



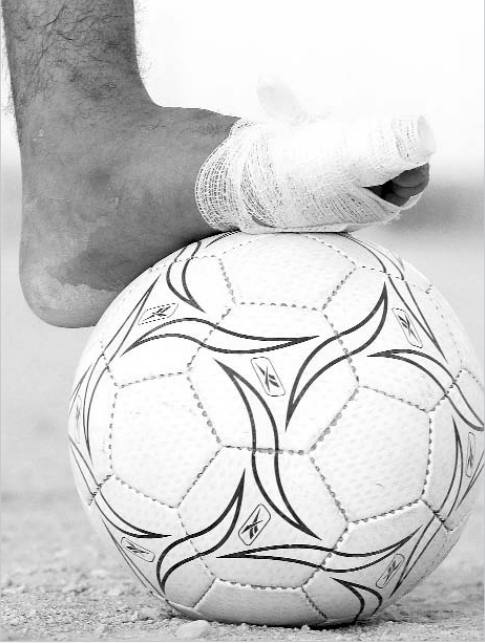
Cpl. Adam Johnston
Colonel Stacy Clardy, Regimental Combat Team 2 commanding officer, presents an Iraqi Policeman with a certificate of completion.



Cpl. Adam Johnston
Thirty Iraqi Policemen from Baghdadi, Hit and Haditha recently gathered here for the IP Supervision and Leadership Course. The 170th Military Police Company, Regimental Combat Team 2, facilitated these classes through classroom lectures, discussions and practical exercises.



Cpl. Adam Johnston
Iraqi Policemen work in groups to come up with examples of police corruption.



Cpl. Adam Johnston
Shoes or no shoes, Iraqi Policemen recently battled a group of Turkish nationals in a friendly game of soccer here.

Warriors spend day with family, build unit cohesion

Lance Cpl. Chadwick deBree

Combat Correspondent

Marines and Sailors assigned to Headquarters Battalion gathered at the base swimming pool for a family picnic Friday, to celebrate the creation of two companies.

Headquarters Battalion recently reorganized its personnel in order to create two new companies, Headquarters Company and Service Company.

“This event came about from the (Key Volunteers) and the company commanders,” said Lt. Col. William G. Perez, commanding officer, Headquarters Battalion. “They wanted to put together an event that got Headquarters and Service Companies together to build the camaraderie as a battalion.”

During the picnic, teams from both companies competed in events such as tug of war, swimming competition and the Tony Stein event.

The Stein event had participants fireman carry Marines and carry ammunition cans.

The picnic also included several activities for children including bouncy houses, drawing station, water slide and a cake walk game.

“This was a great event

because it included the families in it,” said Staff Sgt. Sergio Gonzales, bulk fuel specialist, Headquarters Battalion. “There are times when I know the

event because it really brought the battalion together as a whole with the barbeque and the competitions.” Another event that took

sergeant. For the price of a dollar, Marines received three balls to throw at the target. The battalion was able to raise approximately \$500 that will go

weather,” Perez said. “It rained off and on but later stopped completely and turned out to be a beautiful day. It turned out really great. The kids had a good time, the parents had a good time, and

the Marines had a good time. We’re going to do this again next year.”

With the next battalion picnic scheduled to take place next year, the Marines and their families are already looking forward to it.

“It turned out really good for both the Marines and families,” Gonzales said. “I liked the fact that they had it right next to the pool and basketball courts. If people got too hot they could go swim, and if

they didn’t like the events they could play basketball. I’m looking forward to the next one.”



Lance Cpl. Chadwick deBree

Marines of Headquarters Company, Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Base Hawaii pull during a tug of war competition against Service Company during a family picnic, Friday, at the base swimming pool. Headquarters Battalion held the family picnic in order to build unit cohesion and to commemorate the forming of the two companies.

families feel left out. With this picnic it was a great way for them to come out with us and mingle amongst other families so they get to know each other. This was also a great

place throughout the picnic was the dunk tank, where Marines and Sailors had the chance to dunk Perez, the battalion sergeant major or Headquarters Company’s first

toward the Marine Corps ball.

With the threat of inclement weather looming overhead, the battalion pressed on having fun with each other.

“We were worried about the



Lance Cpl. Chadwick deBree

Sergeant Maj. Erik H. Shirreffs, sergeant major, Headquarters Battalion, eggs on Sgt. Mario Sanchez to throw the ball to dunk him, Friday, during a family picnic. Marines and Sailors paid one dollar to take three shots to dunk either Shirreffs, the commanding officer, or first sergeant of Headquarters Company. All the proceeds made from the dunk tank will go toward the Marines’ birthday ball this year.

Safety seminar resolves biker’s questions

Pfc Achilles Tsantarliotis

Combat Correspondent

The base held a motorcycle safety seminar July 17 and 19 at the base theater to resolve any questions on appropriate attire, personal protection equipment and safety precautions

“When sergeant major pulled me into his office, he wanted me to get you guys together and tie any loose ends on motorcycle safety,” said Mario Diprete, a safety specialist, manager of traffic operations and motorcycle instructor at base safety. “He wanted the focus to be, as well as safety, on appropriate riding garments and what’s authorized per Marine Administrative Message for riding.”

The seminar wrapped up loose ends and false rules motorcyclists claim to be true.

“I think it’s important that we all get on the same sheet of music,” Diprete said. “Riders tend to start taking the somewhat relaxed regulations and running with them. Sooner or later, the pendulum is going to swing the other way and there’s going to be a lot of strict rules because of it.”

Diprete began the seminar with a slideshow presentation to clarify what safety gear is and isn’t allowed for wear while in uniform and what is required to wear on base, whether in uniform or not. He covered appropriate garments, the use of retro-reflective vests, regulations on backpacks and mirrors.

During times of limited visibility, all riders must wear a reflective vest despite any reflective material on the jacket. The colors must be either bright yellow, international orange or lime green. Backpacks cannot cover the

vest, and if worn, must be covered by a reflective band such as a runner’s belt.

The next topic had much rebuttal, and many questions ensued on the clarification: motorcycle jackets that are Department of Defense authorized for wear, and that

reminded by Sgt. Maj. Daniel J. Fierle, seargent major MCBH.

Advising people with safety considerations, Diprete cautioned riders not to ride with 100 percent ability, but to ride, with 70 or 80 percent of the ability, because if a sit-

ness classes that promote it which keeps riders alert.”

Montgomery advocated that it’s disappointing to see a relatively safe activity like motorcycle riding be brought down by reckless things that cause most of the accidents like crashing on the highway and trying to showboat with wheelies and other stunts.

“Young riders will often buy bikes to ride with their friends, and that’s fine, but it’s the group riding that forces these new riders into things that are beyond them,” Montgomery said. “For example, they’d rather not hear their buddy’s talkin’ smack so they try to keep up with the group and then the group hits some razor turn and this guys flyin’ and that’s when he’s over



File photo

A rider shows onlookers how to navigate the motorcycle safety course at West field aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

can only be worn during transit.

Even though there are special considerations made, Marines should remember they are Marines first, meaning they shouldn’t wear anything that questions the ethics and professionalism of the Marine Corps. This means no alcohol-promoting jackets, cigarette logos or anything the Marine Corps does not endorse. Motorcycle brand logos are allowed as it merely promotes the bike. Riders just need to apply common sense and keep a conservative outlook the attendees were keenly

uation comes up they’ll have the reserve ability to come out of a potential accident safely.

Stafford L. Montgomery, motorcycle enthusiast from Montgomery Motors, ended the seminar with a quick safety pre-riding inspection. He summarized simple and often-overlooked mechanical problems he sees come into his shop time and time again.

“It’s an excellent class,” Montgomery said. “Riders who have been riding for years will learn simple things that they never knew. Safety can never be stressed enough, and it’s through these aware-

his head. There’s the majority of accidents-group riding.”

The public generally views a majority of motorcyclists as uneducated, bearded bandits who have no regard for public safety or consideration, Diprete said. It’s the actions of the small percentage that make a bad impression. Motorcycle accidents prevail over car accidents when it comes to the media. The reaction most people have is because those few reckless riders brand the two-wheeled transportation collectively.

“Motorcyclists have to claim ownership, not only on the road where they take

responsibility of reckless automobiles, but as a whole,” Diprete said. “We get labeled because of that ‘10 percent’ and it’s through these classes and safety awareness promotion that we can slowly fight (the bad image) away.”

The seminar ended with a reflective vest being given out to whomever remembered a DOD directive, and Montgomery Motors treated the attendees to a free safety inspection and free “dyno” (dynamometer, a stationary test where the bike is driven

suspended, showing if any engine problems are present) inspection.

Many might not have looked forward to the early seminar, yet surely everyone learned something beneficial.

“It’s a nice refresher,” said Cpl. Chris Campbell. “Things change on base and then rumors will go around on what can and can’t be worn; this kind of sets it straight. I’ll come about once a year to brush up on new regulations.”

Montgomery's Motorcycle Mindset

A FEW TIPS HE OFFERED ON DEFENSIVE MECHANICAL INSPECTIONS WERE:

- The clutch adjustment should be 1/4" play, but can be rider preference.
- Grips should be properly situated. “There is nothing worse than taking a hairpin turn on an old Husqavarna at 90 mph and having the grip slide off.”
- Tire pressure is the most frequent problem. “It’s great for business. People don’t properly inflate their tires and it destroys them before their time.”
- Aluminum sprockets look flashy and nice but cause more problems than are solved with their beauty. “People will come in and complain about a relatively new sprocket and its because they’re weak. Go with steel, much more reliable.”
- The chain should not have much play. If it can be pulled half way across away from the sprocket it’s not any good.
- “Riders will come in all the time after a deployment and complain about bad engines or cracked tires. Improper storage leads to the ‘dry rotting’ of tires and engine oil only lasts so long before breaking down. Proper maintenance can prevent this, having some one ride it once or twice a week and change fluids when necessary.”
- Drain everything before you deploy

PATTY , from A-1

Among Clisham’s favorite parts of her performance is the aviatrix’s version of an octagonal loop.

“If you have a blank piece of paper – draw a stop sign,” he said. “If you can, imagine that eight-sided shape in the air. Patty’s plane travels each side of that octagon, but she’s the only one who does half-rolls with her plane as she climbs up. No one else has duplicated this in North America.”

Clisham said the maneuver is tricky because a pilot could easily run out of speed as they’re fighting gravity to the top of the eight-sided



Wagstaff flies along the runway in her Cirrus Extra 300S plane. One of her first airplanes, the Goodrich Extra 260, is on permanent display next to Amelia Earhart’s plane at the Smithsonian Institution’s National Air and Space Museum. The three-time U.S. National Aerobatic Champion said it’s surreal to have her plane next to the planes of other famous pilots.

loop. The move looks easy; however, the announcer said Wagstaff has to endure the pain of several g-forces to complete it.

Her innovative style is the key reason she’s the first woman to win the U.S. National Aerobatic Champion title – three times. Wagstaff said it’s still surreal having her plane next to Amelia Earhart’s plane in the Smithsonian Institution’s National Air and Space Museum. Exclusively flying in airshows, Wagstaff said she’s always looking for new opportunities.

“You never know what’s around the corner,” she said. “I still enjoy flying new airplanes and recently had the chance to fly a turbine Mallard off a lake in Idaho, and a T-2B Buckeye, intermediate Navy trainer. I’ve started demonstrating a P51D Mustang at airshows. So, there are always new airplanes to fly and new places to see.”

One of those new places for Wagstaff to visit has been Kenya, where the female airshow pilot teaches bush flying. The pilots she trains go on to monitor the country for illegal elephant and rhino poachers.

“Their work is also very important,” she said. “To be able to contribute, even a little, to this program has been very rewarding. Also, to fly over herds of ele-



Patty Wagstaff stands in front of her Cirrus Extra 300S plane used to fly aerobatic stunts during airshows. The female pilot was nicknamed “Gypsy” for her love of traveling by Danny Clisham, announcer, Can-Am Airshows. Clisham, who has been an airshow announcer for 40 years, said he always sees Wagstaff’s joy whenever she flies.

phants, land over giraffes and ostriches on the runway, is exciting!”

Wagstaff said she’s looking forward to seeing Hawaii and experiencing Oahu’s environmental beauty. The 2004 National Aviation Hall of Fame inductee said since her move to Florida, she’s had less of a chance to visit.

“We had a very enthusiastic crowd,” she said about her last visit for the 2004 airshow. “I’m looking forward to all of that again.”

Clisham said he’s always delighted to see Wagstaff’s joy in the air as she performs. The announcer said it’s fun announcing for her during all of her fast-paced shows.

“With ‘Gypsy,’ she keeps you on your toes,” Clisham said. “I have to be like an auctioneer, I need to tell the audience a half second in advance what she’ll do. I know when the pilots are doing a good job when I’m out of breath, and Patty always leaves me out of air.”

Flying to the aid of others



Air Force Master Sgt. Gary Hochenberger, staff noncommissioned officer in charge, Project TRANSAM Operations, drives a front-end loader Friday into a C-5 Galaxy plane. Marine Corps Base Hawaii served as a landing site where the airmen could load eight construction vehicles for transport to Reno, Nev. Project TRANSAM is a program sponsored by the Air Force to donate excess federal equipment to Native American tribes. Sen. Daniel Inouye of Hawaii and Sen. Ted Stevens of Alaska organized the program to enhance military readiness and meet the needs of Native Americans.



Hochenberger loads a dump truck for Project TRANSAM into the plane parked on a runway next to Hangar 105. The Washoe tribe in Nevada will use the equipment to build a new water and sewer system. The military donated two rollers, two dump trucks, two farm tractors, a backhoe and the front-end loader.

— AROUND THE CORPS —

Vietnam Veteran turned chaplain helps Marines cope with combat

Cpl. Eric C. Schwartz, 2nd Marine Division

CAMP AL QA’IM, Iraq — “Lord,” Lance Cpl. Dennis Rocheford said, a Marine with Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, “I will not waste my life.” The bus hummed along the flight line transporting Rocheford, a Vietnam veteran fresh from the war-torn jungles of the Quang Tri Province, to Okinawa, Japan en route to the United States.

Forty years later, after joining the Marines in 1966, now U.S. Navy Cmdr. Dennis Rocheford, a Catholic Chaplain with II Marine Expeditionary Force, serves a higher power, giving spiritual guidance to deployed Marines with Regimental Combat Team 2.

“It was my war, my country, my generation, my time,” said the Chaplain from Worcester, Mass.

Fate saved Rocheford one night during a bridge ambush where a bullet entered and exited his torso missing all vital organs.

“The wound was scoured out with surgical soap, bandaged up, and we continued to march,” he said.

Rocheford earned his badge of courage that night. It wasn’t the last time his blood spilled for America. The young lance corporal later fought in Hue City during the Tet Offensive with 1/1.

“We weren’t trained for house to house fighting; we were trained to fight in the jungle,” Rocheford said.

The urban battle went on for five weeks, but the Marines weren’t giving up.

“Dozens of guys were getting



Cpl. Eric C. Schwartz

Service members and civilian workers pray along with Navy Cmdr. Dennis Rocheford, a Catholic chaplain with II Marine Expeditionary Force at St. Michael’s Chapel. Rocheford is a former Marine infantryman who served with Alpha Company 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment in the famous battle of Hue City during the Vietnam Conflict.

killed from my company,” Rocheford said.

The young Marine brushed against death with every building he cleared, every street he crossed. And once again he tempted fate, as he was struck in the face by shrapnel from a mortar round.

“I felt the blood dripping and then felt my face,” Rocheford said. “I started getting really scared.”

Rocheford kept fighting soon after finding the wound to be a superficial scar. After almost sacrificing his life again for his country, his company was once more thrust into battle. This time tasked with recapturing hill 881 on the Khe Sanh plateau from the North Vietnamese.

“Hill 881 was like reclaiming Mt. Suribachi and putting the flag up,” he said.

The battle-scarred Marine became the Alpha Company Commander’s radio operator. It became a routine job sitting at a field desk relaying messages back and forth daily with

patrols.

“Two platoons left the hill one day to patrol,” Rocheford said. “I was the only radio operator there, and that’s when we got attacked.”

The company relied on Rocheford to keep communicating with naval and air support, artillery and his fellow Marines during the battle, which he successfully did.

“I was a lance corporal directing naval gunfire, telling Phantom Jets where to drop their napalm bombs and giving grid coordinates to the regimental artillery battery,” the chaplain said.

“Being alone in that bunker was pretty intense.”

Rocheford’s intensity in the Marine Corps died down immensely when he finished his contract at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He began attending confession.

“I confessed to killing in Vietnam,” he said. “The priest was gracious to me and told me it was not a sin if it was combat.”

Cpl. Eric C. Schwartz

The Marine’s contract was almost finished and instead of re-enlisting, he chose college.

“College was a balanced experience for me,” said the chaplain. “There were parties on Thursdays and Mass on Sundays.”

Rocheford quickly blended into college life but avoided discussions on the topic of the much-debated Vietnam Conflict.

“People didn’t really know I was a war veteran because it was so volatile at the time,” he said.

Studying and dating kept him

focused on college, but his love of Christ pushed him to his destined livelihood.

“I loved Christ, but I didn’t think I could be a priest,” the chaplain said.

A priest explained to Rocheford that he still qualified for priesthood, so after college he attended seminary school.

“I was overwhelmed with the beauty of learning scripture,” he said. “It was like being a brand new Marine again.”

Rocheford would take the Eucharist, wafers and wine, extremely seriously, while many of the older students understood its importance, but weren’t as excited as he.

“The guys in the seminary would say, ‘Dennis, you don’t have to salute the Eucharist,’” the chaplain said.

Rocheford entered priesthood proclaiming a

chaste life. He was placed in a missionary in Santa Domingo, Dominican Republic, and later moved back as a priest in his hometown.

Pope John Paul II asked men of the cloth to join the military because there were few Catholic chaplains. Father Rocheford joined the Navy Chaplain Corps because “the Marines don’t have one.”

As a chaplain, Rocheford has been stationed many places including Officer Candidate School, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., and deployed with 3rd Battalion, 8th Marines and the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit.

“Everything has been a blessing,” Rocheford said. “It comes back to that commitment January 16, 1969, when I said I wouldn’t waste my life.”

Lance Cpl. Dennis Rocheford stepped off the bus wearing his jungle utilities. There wasn’t applause for his heroism or a thank you from anyone for proudly serving his country. The silence struck the Marine as odd, but he was alive and therefore happy. He had a bright future ahead of him and a promise to keep.

